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1. RADIO ISRAEL JANUARY 11 REPORTED THAT A FRENCH  
MAGISTRATE WOULD DECIDE THAT DATE WHETHER TO RELEASE PLO  
TERRORIST ABU DAOUD OR TO ORDER HIS REMAND DURING POSSIBLE  
EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS. IF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CANNOT  
AVOID A DECISION ON ABU DAOUD, IT WILL PROBABLY DEPORT  
HIM TO AN ARAB COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT.

2. ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 11 ALL CARRY FRONTPAGE  
STORIES ON DAOUD, THE EMBARRASSMENT HIS ARREST IS CAUSING  
TO THE GOF, AND HIS POSSIBLE EXTRADITION TO GERMANY OR  
ISRAEL. THE FRENCH ARE REPORTEDLY IN FEAR OF  
PALESTINIAN REVENGE AND ARAB DISPLEASURE, AND ARE  
EVEN AFRAID THAT THE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CON-  
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ERENCE MAY BE UNDERMINED. FRENCH FM DE GUIRINGAUD'S  
MIDDLE EAST TOUR MAY ALSO BE JEOPARDIZED, IT IS RE-  
PORTED.

3. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI POLICE  
PASSED A REQUEST FOR ABU DAOUD'S EXTRADITION THROUGH  
INTERPOL TO THE FRENCH POLICE LATE JANUARY 10, BUT NO

REPLY HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. FRANCE IS MORE LIKELY TO EXTRADITE ABU DAOUD TO GERMANY, IF AT ALL, THE NEWS-PAPERS AGREE. IN THIS EVENT, HE MIGHT BE RE-EXTRADITED FROM GERMANY TO ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FRENCH-ISRAELI AND GERMAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENTS ON THIRD-COUNTRY EXTRADITION. THE BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REPORTEDLY DECIDE TODAY WHETHER TO ASK BONN TO REQUEST EXTRADITION.

4. SEVERAL STORIES HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE COMMENTS OF THE WIDOW OF ONE OF THE ISRAELI ATHLETES WHO DIED AT THE MUNICH OLYMPICS, WHO IS QUOTED AS HAVING WAITED "FOUR AND A HALF YEARS FOR JUSTICE TO BE DONE." THE WIDOW AND FAMILIES OF OTHER ATHLETES HAVE MET WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV TO PRESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR JUSTICE. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT ISRAEL HAS SOUGHT EXTRADITION OF A TERRORIST.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT IS HEAVY. HAARETZ STATES THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF FRANCE TO TURN ABU DAOUD OVER TO ISRAEL SO THAT HE DOES NOT ULTIMATELY ESCAPE THE ARM OF THE LAW. HATZOFI SUGGESTS THAT THE TRIAL OF A CRIMINAL OF THE NAZI-TYPE MAY HAVE WIDE ANTI-TERRORIST REVERBERATIONS. AL HAMISHMAR SAYS THAT ISRAEL MUST DEMAND ABU DAOUD'S EXTRADITION AND FRENCH UNEASE AND GERMAN DISCOMFORT CANNOT ALTER ISRAEL'S CONSISTENT PRINCIPLE THAT IT WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AGREE THAT KILLERS MAY GO UNPUNISHED. MAARIV SAYS THAT ABU DAOUD HAS THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES BY THE THROAT AND

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THAT, RATHER THAN HIS FEAR FOR HIS OWN WELL-BEING, IT IS FRANCE WHO FEELS ITS SAFETY THREATENED.

6. IT WAS REPORTED LATE JANUARY 11 THAT PM RABIN HAS SAID THAT ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ABU DAOUD'S EXTRADITION WAS PART OF A RELENTLESS, UNCEASING STRUGGLE AGAINST ARAB TERRORISM, WHICH WOULD CONTINUE IN EVERY PLACE AND BY EVERY MEANS. RABIN WAS SPEAKING TO A CONVENTION OF JEWISH JOURNALISTS.

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